



Sampling of Recent NEA Awards for Creativity and Aging Projects

Application guidelines for the next round of **Grants for Arts Projects** are available on the NEA's website. To view the guidelines, go to <http://arts.gov/grants/organizations-apply>. For more information on recent NEA awards, go to <http://arts.gov/grants/recent-grants>.

Elders Share the Arts

Brooklyn, NY

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Arts Education

To support History Alive!. Elementary and middle school students from New York City Public Schools will collaborate with senior citizens in arts education and oral history residencies. Professional teaching artists will guide youth and elders in engaging one another through oral history interviews to document each other's historically and culturally significant stories, and will translate their stories into collaborative poems and visual arts projects. Participating youth and elders also will collaborate to write, rehearse, and perform an original theater piece. Residencies will culminate in printed anthologies and public performances for school assemblies, families, and residents of senior centers.

Engage, Inc.

Burbank, CA

\$20,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Presenting and Multidisciplinary

To support a community-based multidisciplinary arts program. Professional artists will provide free, college-level classes and events to low-income seniors at senior apartment communities. Classes will include acting, painting, writing, sculpting, and assemblage art. Culminating events will consist of art shows, performances, staged readings and radio pieces.

National Center for Creative Aging

Washington, DC

\$25,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Presenting and Multidisciplinary

To support ENGAGE: State Communities of Practice in Arts, Health & Aging. In collaboration with several state arts agencies, the National Center for Creative Aging will develop infrastructure for arts programs addressing aging, health, and accessibility. Activities will include professional development, technical assistance, and resource development asset mapping.

University Settlement Society of New York

New York, NY

\$20,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Visual Arts

To support training for artists and administrators to work with elder community members. Professionals in the fields of the arts and aging will conduct week-long training institutes for artists and healthcare professionals. The sessions will include specific workshops and seminars such as Meet Me at MoMA: The

Alzheimer's Project; Older Professional Artists: What We Can Learn; Art in Hospice Settings; and Do You See What I See?: Using Inkblots to Spark Imagination. One attendee will also participate in a Hospital Artist-in-Residence program.

Wave Hill, Incorporated

Bronx, NY

\$20,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Visual Arts

To support the Family Art Project. The series of weekend workshops led by visiting artists will provide a forum for children, parents, grandparents or other adult caregivers to create art inspired by Wave Hill's gardens, landscapes, visual arts exhibitions, and various cultural traditions.

Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company

San Diego, CA

\$20,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Theater & Musical Theater

To support the production of "Milvotchkee, Visconsin" by Laura Jacqmin. The play portrays a woman experiencing various stages of dementia. The project will include cross-sector partnerships with the Alzheimer's Association of San Diego, the San Diego branch of the NAACP, and other community organizations. The partners will ensure accuracy in the portrayal of dementia.

Sojourn Theatre

Portland, OR

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Theater & Musical Theater

To support "The Islands of Milwaukee." The series of free performances in public spaces will explore social connectedness among older adults throughout Milwaukee neighborhoods. Performances will be created based on research and collaborations with hundreds of older adults that live alone throughout urban and suburban Milwaukee.

Stagebridge

Oakland, CA

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Theater & Musical Theater

To support the world premiere production of a new work marking the 50th anniversary of the free speech movement. The work will be created by Joan Holden, with music and lyrics by Bruce Barthol and Daniel Savio. The piece will feature performances by older actors who were actively involved in the free speech movement as college students and local residents.

Young at Heart Chorus, Incorporated (aka Young@Heart Chorus)

Northampton, MA

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Theater & Musical Theater

To support the Intergenerational Mash-Up. The ongoing series of collaborative productions will pair a chorus of senior adults with elementary, middle, and high school musical theater groups. The project will include a public performance at Smith College, and two performances at Northampton's historic Academy of Music Theatre.

WeOwnTV (aka The Genius of Marian)

San Francisco, CA

\$70,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Media

To support The Memory Mosaic, a web-based public art project designed for both online screens and museum/gallery spaces. In conjunction with the film "The Genius of Marian," this interactive project will provide a space for people afflicted with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers to share experiences through images, audio, video, and text. A large touch screen sensor wall will be developed for museum exhibitions that participants navigate at their own pace.

Ansonia Music Outreach Organization, Inc.

New York, NY

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Music

To support the Access to Music Program. Plans include free classical music concerts, music appreciation classes, and interactive workshops with underserved audiences. Partner organizations will include the 92nd Street Y, Sirovich Community Center, Center on the Square, and the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House at Saint Peter's Church. Additionally, the Music for the Elderly Series will present free concerts in senior centers and nursing homes throughout New York City.

Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Inc.

Hartford, CT

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Music

To support the Musicians Care Project. The focus of the project will be on promoting wellness in people of all ages whose healthcare needs prevent them from taking part in traditional music experiences. Symphony musicians will provide live and interactive music experiences to various health care and retirement facilities through the city.

Lawrence Children's Choir, Inc.

Lawrence, KS

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Music

To support intergenerational choir programs. Plans include an outreach project for preschool and elementary students, and senior citizens. Student choirs will join a senior citizens' choir for rehearsals and performances at a retirement facility.

Big Apple Circus, Ltd.

Brooklyn, NY

\$30,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Presenting and Multidisciplinary

To support Clown Care, Vaudeville Care, and Circus of the Senses. Circus artists will interact with hospitalized children and senior citizens in nursing homes. Circus artists also will engage youth with impaired hearing and vision as well as youth with cognitive challenges.

New Mexico Literary Arts (aka Alzheimer's Poetry Project)

Santa Fe, NM

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Literature

To support the Alzheimer's Poetry Project, which brings poetry to people living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. The workshops, conducted in both English and Spanish, engage participants in the recitation of well-loved classic poems and the creation of new poetry. They will be held in assisted living and adult day care centers throughout New Mexico in both rural and urban settings.

Friends of NORD, Inc.

New Orleans, LA

\$50,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Dance

To support a tuition-free youth and senior citizen dance education program. The program is organized by the NORDC/NOBA Center for Dance, which is a cultural community partnership of the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission and the New Orleans Ballet Association. The project will include dance classes, workshops, intergenerational opportunities, performances, and family activities for senior citizens and students.

Stuart Pimsler Dance & Theater

Minneapolis, MN

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Dance

To support Moving Through the Sweet Gum Trees/The Gainesville Project, a community engagement project. Through a series of workshops and a culminating performance at the Santa Fe Arts Hall, the company will engage diverse segments of the Gainesville, Florida, community. Caregivers from Shands HealthCare, children and families from Expressions Learning Arts Academy, students of Santa Fe College and the University of Florida, senior citizens from Sterling House, and the general public will be involved.

Keigwin and Company, Inc.

New York, NY

\$20,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Dance

To support the creation and presentation of Bolero Senior Citizens, a work for live performance and film. Artistic Director Larry Keigwin and his company will engage a cast of seniors in movement and the choreographic process to create a new work.

Leah Stein Dance Company

Philadelphia, PA

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Dance

To support an Intergenerational Dance Residency. In partnership with high school *students* from the public magnet school Science Leadership Academy (SLA), the Sidney Hillman Apartments (Section 8 housing for seniors), and the Greene Towne School Kindergarten Program, the company will create several intergenerational site-specific dance works in and around Philadelphia. The project represents a natural expansion and deepening of the work that the company has been creating at the SLA.

Ballet Works, Inc. (aka James Sewell Ballet)

Minneapolis, MN

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Dance

To support the James Sewell Ballet mentorship and residency programs in Red Wing and Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Prior to the residency, young dancers from these areas will attend a master class and a performance at the company's studios in the Twin Cities. During the residency, the company will work with school-aged children, dancers, seniors, and the community at-large.

Marshall County Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Incorporated

Guntersville, AL

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Folk and Traditional Arts

To support a mountain dulcimer workshop and concert. Artists will instruct senior citizens in playing the dulcimer in a multi-day workshop. The instructional program will conclude with a concert of traditional music.

George Mason University

Fairfax, VA

\$25,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Research

To support a randomized, waitlist-controlled trial examining the effects of visual arts, music, and dance therapy on the emotional and cognitive functioning of older adults. The study will occur in a long-term care facility housing low-income, older adults from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. Trained facilitators will engage older adults in a music, imagery, and movement (MiM) intervention, or, alternatively, in social group interaction. The study will include surveys and observational and clinical assessments, focus groups, and structured interviews, along with pre- and post-therapy measurements.

New Paradise Laboratories Theatre

Philadelphia, PA

\$15,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Theater & Musical Theater

To support the creation and production of "The Adults," a new work created by a multigenerational ensemble of performers. Inspired in part by the physicality of the paintings of Eric Fischl, the play will explore the process of maturation into different stages of life, and how it manifests in the body and physical presence. The piece will feature the first artistic collaboration between two generations of the ensemble's performers its founding members and a younger generation of performers at the beginning of their careers.

Cultural Resources

Rockport, ME

\$15,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Folk and Traditional Arts

To support Elder Arts, a series of training workshops for healthcare and social service professionals working with seniors. Folklorist Kathleen Mundell will offer instruction about the role of storytelling in the life review process, as well as techniques for recording these stories. Through the use of a portable recording studio, seniors will have the opportunity to record these stories and have them edited for broadcast and archived for downloading at the Story Bank and Cultural Resources website.

Creative Aging Memphis (aka Creative Aging Mid-South)

Memphis, TN

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Challenge America

To support a series of musical performances and arts workshops for older adults living in nursing homes in the Mid-South. Conducted by selected local performing artists, the programming will offer opportunities for creative experience and expression to nursing home residents, regardless of physical, cognitive, or financial limitations.

Dances For A Variable Population

New York, NY

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Challenge America

To support the creation and performance of "West Harlem Moves," a new site-related, multigenerational dance work with related activities. The work, to be performed at West Harlem Piers Park, will include guest artists such as Sandra Genter, Walter Rutledge, and Robin Williams.

Saint John's University

Collegeville, MN

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY14 Challenge America

To support multidisciplinary performances and artist residency projects. Humorist Pat Hazell, the Griffin Theatre Company, and a cappella group Take 6 will perform and conduct targeted workshops for incarcerated youth, veterans, and older adults residing within a rural community.

City Lights & Co

Bridgeport, CT

\$50,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Our Town

To support Universal Arts, a pilot project designed to increase access to the arts for underserved populations in Bridgeport. Project activities will include a series of community arts workshops, education and training for teaching artists and community leaders, and exhibitions in storefront locations throughout the city. Workshops will be led by local artists and held in nontraditional sites familiar to target participants, including community centers, libraries, veterans' homes, senior centers, housing projects, and schools. Training sessions will focus on themes of diversity and inclusion, ADA compliance, crisis response, and coping with trauma and loss.

Provisions Learning Project (aka Provisions Library)

Washington, DC

\$20,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Visual Arts

To support Tipo Grafico, a community art project and touring exhibition. Led by the artistic team known as Floating Lab Collective, the project will engage DC-based Latino elders in the creation of printed graphic works that reflect their cultural heritage and first generation immigrant experiences.

Wave Hill, Incorporated (aka Wave Hill)

Bronx, NY

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University Settlement Society of New York

New York, NY

\$30,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Visual Arts

To support training for artists and administrators to work with the elderly. Week-long training institutes taught by professionals in the fields of arts and aging will be targeted to artists and healthcare professionals to prepare them for initiating meaningful and creative art activities in various institutional settings.

National Center for Creative Aging

Washington, DC

\$20,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Research

To support a study of the effectiveness of ART CART, an intergenerational arts-preservation project, on the psychosocial well-being and safe functioning of older visual artists. Health outcomes will be measured and compared with those of a matched control group. Study results will inform a planned roll-out of ART CART in 2015 to ten U.S. urban and rural locations.

National Center for Creative Aging

Washington, DC

\$40,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Presenting

To support ENGAGE, a national collaboration supported by state arts agencies. ENGAGE provides senior citizens with access to art programs in Arizona, Florida, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Jersey, and Ohio.

Bronx Council on the Arts, Inc. (aka BCA)

Bronx, NY

\$40,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Locals

To support the Bronx Memoir Project, featuring the creation, distribution, and promotion of oral and written memoirs by residents of the Bronx, New York. Emerging writers will conduct workshops and in-depth interviews throughout the borough, with a focus on the South Bronx, and work directly with seniors, teens, and families to create, edit, and record first-person narratives of homecoming and home.

Sandglass Center for Puppetry and Theater Research (aka Sandglass Theater)

Putney, VT

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Theater

To support the touring of D-Generation: An Exaltation of Larks. Created with guidance and training by the Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute, this full-length theater work will explore the storytelling potential of

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people living with dementia, will be presented with post-show discussions, and will tour regionally to theaters, health care, and aging service conferences.

Friends of NORD, Inc. (aka NORD/NOBA Center For Dance)

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Elders Share the Arts

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To support History Alive!, an intergenerational theater and visual arts residency program. Using oral histories shared by elders from the Benjamin Rosenthal Senior Center, students will create and perform an original theater work, including a set and props.

CityMusic Cleveland

Cleveland, OH

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Challenge America

To support the presentation of Israeli composer Avner Dorman's Uzu and Muzu from Kakaruzu as part of the Intergenerational Concert Series. The musical parable will present Israeli playwright Ephraim Sidon's story, narrated by Clarence Williams Marshall, and its central theme of daily conflict between people and nations.

Creative Aging Memphis

Memphis, TN

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Guild Complex

Chicago, IL

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Challenge America

To support A Writer's Life/Cycle, a collaborative project engaging a group of multigenerational writers to create and perform an original theater piece. Additional proposed activities include open rehearsals, workshops, and post-show discussions.

Idris Ackamoor & Cultural Odyssey (aka Cultural Odyssey)

San Francisco, CA

\$30,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Theater and Musical Theater

To support Fully Awake & Facing Seventy: The End of Time Has Begun!, written and performed by Rhodessa Jones. In a solo piece with live music, Jones as a new senior citizen shares her "homegrown" wisdom regarding family, community, memory and spirit, and offers a treatise on the Baby Boom Generation confronting their last years with style, humor, and yoga.

Marshall County Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Incorporated

Guntersville, AL

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Challenge America

To support Melodies and Musings - Our Appalachian Legacy. The dulcimer workshop will feature musicians Janita Baker, Rob Brereton, and Jeff Furman and vocalist Madeline MacNeil.

New Mexico Literary Arts

Santa Fe, NM

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Challenge America

To support the Alzheimer's Poetry Project, providing arts programming to people living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. Bilingual poets will lead a series of workshops with a culminating presentation of readings at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque that will feature poet Valerie Martinez and the poetry workshop participants.

ProMusica Chamber Orchestra of Columbus, Inc.

Columbus, OH

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Music

To support the commissioning and performance of a new work for chamber orchestra and cello by composer Aaron Jay Kernis. Featuring cellist Joshua Roman and Music Director Dr. Timothy Russell, the project will include open rehearsals for older adults, post-concert discussions with the composer, and a master class for local conservatory students.

San Anto Cultural Arts, Inc.

San Antonio, TX

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Challenge America

To support the San Anto Cultural Arts Community Mural/Public Art Project. The project will include multigenerational community meetings involving youth, adults, and seniors living in San Antonio, who will work as a team to develop thematic designs for the mural.

Stagebridge

Oakland, CA

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Theater and Musical Theater

To support a residency for playwright Joan Holden. The residency will culminate in a workshop production of a new play to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Free Speech Movement at the University of California at Berkeley. The residency also will include research, development, and a workshop production of the play, which will be developed through interviews, focus groups, and investigation of historical San Francisco media resources.

Transport Group

New York, NY

\$10,000

CATEGORY: FY13 Art Works FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Theater and Musical Theater

To support the New York premiere of The Memory Show, a new musical with libretto and book by Sara Cooper and music by Zach Redler, directed by Joe Calarco. The musical is a two-person comic tragedy about the troubled relationship of a woman who has recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and her estranged daughter, who moves back home to care for her.